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RENEWED LOGISTIC ACTIVITY
DONG HOI COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT, NORTH VIETNAM
17-27N 106-37E

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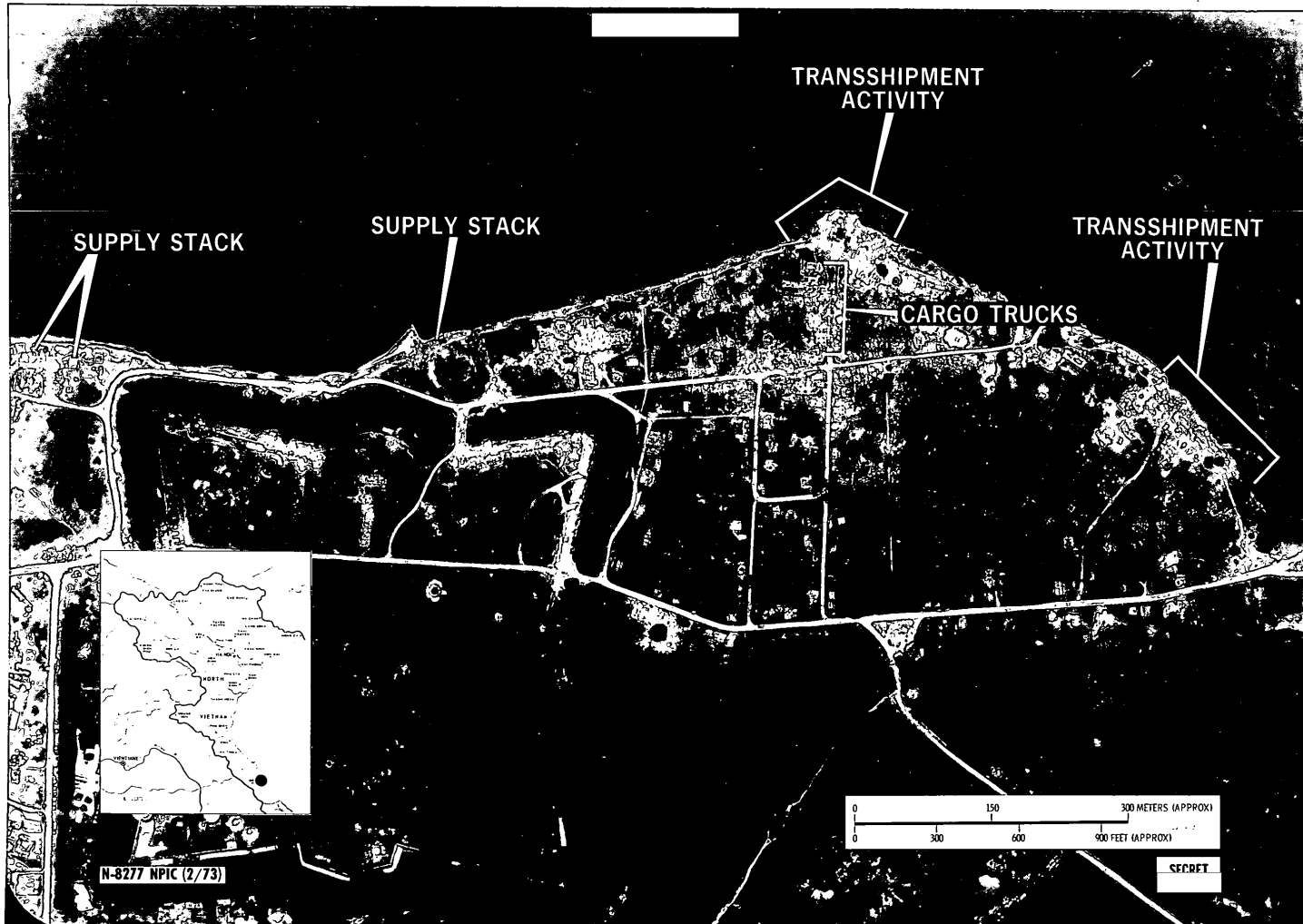


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1. SIGNIFICANCE: INCREASED CAPABILITY OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO RESUPPLY THE PANHANDLE LOGISTICS NET BY THE REACTIVATION OF THE DONG HOI COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT.
2. LOCATION: THE DONG HOI CTSP IS LOCATED AT 17-27-42N 106-37-57E ON THE KIEN GIANG (RIVER) 28 NAUTICAL MILES (NM) NORTH OF THE DMZ.
3. BACKGROUND: DURING PERIODS OF US BOMBING IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF NORTH VIETNAM, LOGISTICS ACTIVITY, INCLUDING THE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES BY VEHICLE AND COASTAL RESUPPLY LOGISTIC VESSELS, WAS SELDOM OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY. LITTLE OR NO LOGISTICS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED AT DONG HOI SINCE THE RENEWED BOMBING IN THE SPRING OF 1972.

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4. MISSION READOUT: PHOTOGRAPHY OF 22 JANUARY REVEALED THE REACTIVATION OF THE DONG HOI COASTAL TRANSSHIPMENT POINT. STACKS OF SUPPLIES WERE IN OPEN STORAGE AREAS ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE KIEN GIANG (RIVER). SUPPLIES APPEARED TO BE SACKED GOODS OR SMALL CRATES. TRANSSHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES FROM CARGO TRUCKS TO SMALL WATERBORNE LOGISTICS CRAFT (WLBC) WAS OBSERVED AT TWO LOCATIONS. THESE RIVER CRAFT WILL PROBABLY TRANSPORT THE SUPPLIES TO MORE SOUTHERN TRANSFER POINTS ON THE KIEN GIANG NEARER THE ESTABLISHED INFILTRATION ROUTES NORTH OF THE DMZ. A TOTAL OF 20 WLBC AND 43 CARGO TRUCKS WERE PRESENT IN THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA.

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